

## **GOFC REGIONAL WORKSHOP:**

### **GOFC SATELLITE INFORMATION PRODUCTS FOR FOREST AND LAND MANAGEMENT IN SIBERIA/FAR EAST**

The goals of the Global Observation of Forest Cover (GOFC) program are to coordinate on-going space-based and in-situ observations of forests to facilitate sustainable management of terrestrial resources and to obtain an accurate understanding of the terrestrial carbon budget. GOFC works to meet this goal through completing the following objectives: 1) provide a forum for users and producers of satellite data to discuss needs and programs, 2) provide regional and global datasets, 3) promote globally consistent or inter-comparable methods for data processing, and 4) promote international networks for data access, data sharing and international collaboration (Adapted from GOFC Overview, [www.gofc.org](http://www.gofc.org)). A key mechanism for achieving these objectives is regional meetings. The goal for the regional meetings is that they lead to regional networks, and these regional networks then continue to provide the forum for on-going international collaboration and implementation.

The GOFC regional workshop on remote sensing of the Siberian/Far East forest will be held in the heart of the Siberian forest, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia during the first week of August, 2002. The theme for the meeting will be ***“GOFC Satellite Information Products for Forest and Land Management in Siberia/Far East”***. The Russian Hosts for the meeting will be the Sukachev Forest Research Institute. The GOFC workshop will be held on August 7-8, 2002 in conjunction with the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA) conference August 5-8. The goal of the GOFC workshop will be to establish a regional forum and network for GOFC in Siberia/Far East (including also northern Mongolia and northwest China). Workshop presentations will be focus on science and management issues concerning the dynamics of the Siberian/Far East forest, and on satellite information needs and GOFC information products. Presenters and participants will represent both the scientific and management communities from Russia, United States, Europe, China, and Japan. Discussion and summary periods will be used to explore areas of greatest need as well as opportunities for international collaboration within the GOFC framework on remote sensing of Siberian/Far East forests.

**Location:** Krasnoyarsk, Russia

**Date:** August 7-8, 2002 (in conjunction with IBFRA Conference August 5-8)

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